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## Memorandum

To:

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From:

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Chief Engineer

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Subject:

Construction Traffic Control Engineer Position

To improve work zone safety the department recently created a position that is specialized in Work Zone Traffic Control and Safety.

This position is responsible for a number of traffic control related responsibilities including but not limited to, developing traffic control policy, specifications, traffic control training program, and evaluating traffic control on construction projects.

This position will make regular project reviews of work zone traffic control and offer recommendations to improve work zone safety on those work zone issues and changes that are discretionary (engineering judgment) as identified in the MUTCD.

This position's authority is established thru the Construction Engineer and Chief Engineer. The primary duties and responsibilities are described above. However, should the person identify issues with traffic control that are a safety hazard to the traveling public or construction workers, this position does have the authority to direct immediate changes to traffic control, or shut down the project until the condition is changed to a safe condition.

cc:

District Construction Engineers District Administrators Mark Wissinger